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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicants, through and by their attorneys, hereby wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent application to the attention of the Examiner.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/874,466 (Docket No. BA-00141.1) filed June 23, 2004, by Wayne D. Carlsen et al. for "Heat and Moisture Exchanger Adaptor for Closed Suction Catheter Assembly and System Containing the Same."

This application is not listed on an accompanying PTO Form 1449, however, a copy is provided herewith.

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The Examiner is requested to review the cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the document cited within this Statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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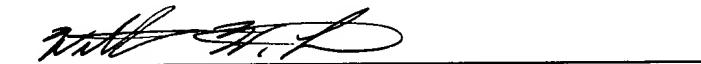
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